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SUBJ: SHARING MIG 25 INFORMATION WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

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SUMMARY: BOTH MOFA AND JDA HAVE AFFIRMED AT HIGH LEVELS THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PASSING MIG EXPLOITATION INFO TO THIRD COUNTRIES BUT THAT GOJ IS UNLIKELY TO GIVE FINAL GO AHEAD UNTIL AFTER DECMEBER 5 ELECTION. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE CONTINUED TO TOUCH BASE WITH MOFA DAILY AT VARIOUS LEVELS ABOUT SHARING INFO ON MICH WITH THIRD COUNTRIES AND WERE INFORMED NOVEMBER 22 BY EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BUREAU, WHICH WAS ACTION, THAT THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESENT PROPOSALS TO US AT THE END OF THIS WEEK. IN THE MEANTIME ADDITIONAL LIGHT HAS BEEN SHED BY HIGH LEVELS OF BOTH MOFA AND JDA ON REASONS FOR GOJ RELUCTANCE TO MOVE MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY.

2. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 19 VICE MINISTER SATO SAID HE WAS WELL APPRISED OF US DESIRE TO SHARE INFORMATION WITH ITS OTHER ALLIES BUT THAT ANYTHING TO DO WITH MIG WOULD REMAIN SENSITIVE MATTER FOR GOJ ONLY UNTIL DECEMBER 5TH ELECTIONS--THEREAFTER THERE SHOULD BE NO MAJOR PROBLEM. SATO NOTED HOWEVER THAT GOJ WAS NERVOUS ABOUT CERTAIN COUNTRIES NOTABLY ROK

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AND ISRAEL. HE ALSO SAID GOJ WOULD WISH TO MAKE SURE CONTENT OF

INFO PASSED BY THE U.S. WAS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT JAPAN MAY WISH TO GIVE SOME COUNTRIES (IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER GOJ HAD PASSED ANY SUCH INFORMATION AS YET).

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH DAO NOVEMBER 22 JSDF CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SAMEJIMA SAID THAT BEFORE MIG LEFT HITACHI PORT, SOVIETS CHARGED JAPAN WITH SHORTAGE OF 20 PARTS, MOST OF THEM MINOR. HE SAID SOME OF THESE MAY HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN CRATES OR SOME MIGHT HAVE BEEN MISPLACED BUT THAT IT HAD FINALLY BEEN DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL SHIP WAS BACK IN VLADIVOSTOK BEFORE PURSUING ARGUMENT. ADMIRAL SAMEJIMA SAID THAT THERE WAS SOME CONCERN THAT ONCE SHIP WAS BACK SOVIETS MIGHT LET LOOSE BLAST AT GOJ AND JAPAN DID NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING MORE ON RELEASE OF INFORMATION UNTIL SOVIET REACTION COULD BE ASSESSED (IN THIS CONNECTION HE COMMENTED THAT EUROPEAN AFFAIRS BUREAU OF MOFA WAS PARTICULARLY STICKY). HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT JDA DIRECTOR SAKATA HAD ARGUED FOR PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT ALL JAPANESE INFO ON MIG HAD BEEN PASSED TO US, WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD HAVE FACILITATED SHARING WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, BUT THAT SAKATA'S PROPOSAL HAD NOT BEEN APPROVED. ADMIRAL SAMEJIMA INDICATED THAT JAPAN ITSELF HAD IN MIND SHARING INFO WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, BUT THAT IT MIGHT BE CONTENT TO DO THIS THROUGH U.S. HE TOO WAS CERTAIN SATISFACTORY ARRANGMENTS FOR SHARING COULD BE WORKED OUT BUT SUGGESTED IT MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE MORE TIME.

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